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House of Representatives Reports Bill With 1988 Appropriations for the Library

The Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives, on June 18 reported H.R. 2714, a bill making appropriations for the legislative branch for fiscal year 1988, including funds for the Library of Congress. The committee recommended a total fiscal year 1988 budget of $240,535,000, which is $13,386,000 over 1987 appropriations, a 5.9 percent increase.

Included in the recommendation were $147,635,000 for Salaries and Expenses, Library of Congress, which includes the authority to obligate $5,000,000 in receipts from the sale of cataloging information and technical publications; $43,000,000 for the Congressional Research Service; $19,431,000 for the Copyright Office, including authority to obligate $7,931,000 in copyright and licensing receipts; $37,390,000 for Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; and $6,010,000 for furniture and furnishings, including $1,356,000 for furniture and furnishings for the renovation of the Thomas Jefferson and John Adams Buildings.

A figure of $6,965,000 was recommended for the Architect of the Capitol for the maintenance and operation of the Jefferson and Adams Buildings. An increase of $428,000 was allowed under the category Salaries and Expenses, Library of Congress, for the purchase of books, and an increase of $250,000 for binding.

Under the committee recommendation no new positions were allowed, with the exception of three new positions in the Copyright Office which will be fully reimbursed by fee collections.

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DEZ Update

Construction has begun on the Library's mass deacidification pilot plant facility with ground breaking at the Texas Alkyls Chemical Company in Deer Park, Tex. It is expected that the facility will be completed sometime in the fall of 1987.

The building of a small-scale pilot facility is an important intermediary step between the engineering design on paper and design of the full-scale plant. For this reason, the pilot facility in Texas will be built to hold up to 350 books. This pilot facility will provide information for design and scale-up of the main plant at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Md.

Other projects relating to the Library's deacidification program are also moving forward. Among these activities are those that relate to the planning and development of a Return Processing Unit for the books and to the design of the quality assurance program for the main treatment plant. In addition, the design for the carts to hold the books during transport and treatment is being refined and plans for the efficient movement of materials in and out of the stacks are being developed.

On another front, the Office of Technology Assessment—a congressional support agency in the legislative branch of the government not related to the Library of Congress—has been asked to review the diethyl zinc process and other deacidification processes for the House Appropriations Committee. The review is now under way and will be completed in 12 to 18 months. The review is intended to settle the controversy about the diethyl zinc deacidification process that has arisen since the mishaps at the Goddard Space Flight Center. The Library also expects that the review will shed light on the differences between the available processes and provide perspective on the suitability of these processes for different types of collections.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

THE TOWN CRIER 1787-1987

This is the first in a series of Town Crier reports on the happenings 200 years ago on the domestic front and the international scene during the time of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia (May 14 to September 17, 1787). The Library of Congress Town Crier makes weekly appearances on Mondays at noon, on the Neptune Plaza of the Library's Jefferson Building and then in front of the Madison Building.

The Articles of Confederation had not been working and Congress knew it. Originally, the convention in Philadelphia in 1787 had been convened to correct and improve the Articles. Although the 13 former British colonies were free and independent states, each operated like a sovereign nation. Each regarded its militia as a national army; issued its own paper money; some had even sent ministers abroad to borrow money. In less than a week after the adoption of the Articles, Congress thus appointed a committee to determine how it could obtain "full and explicit powers for effectually carrying into execution in the several states all acts . . . passed agreeably to the Articles of Confederation."

Congress was ready for a convention in early 1787. Frustrated by attempts to acquire an independent source of revenue to run the country and bolstered by near anarchy in Massachusetts following Shay's Rebellion—a protest against taxation—declining prices, and heavy indebtedness, there remained a justifiable fear that riot and disorder would spread throughout the colonies.

Many observers have remarked that the spring and summer of 1787 had the worst weather since 1750. The air stayed hot, humid, and sticky but the delegates had to sit in the convention with the doors closed and the windows shuttered to preserve a necessary secrecy. General George Washington, who was to preside over the

sessions, arrived on the 13th of May, to the acclaim of cheering crowds, pealing bells, and booming artillery. His first act was to visit the venerable Benjamin Franklin at his residence on Market Street above Third.

The convention was to have begun on May 14 but due to the lack of a quorum the opening date was delayed until May 25. Most realized the need for this meeting of state delegates and the delicacy of their mission. For the preservation of their hard-fought independence and continuance of their freedoms, this convention was of the utmost priority.

Report from the Council of National Library and Information Associations

The 60 East Club in New York City was the setting for the semiannual meeting of the Council of National Library and Information Associations on May 1. A principal activity of CNLIA for many years has been to act as the secretariat of the Z39 Committee of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), developing numerous standards for the library and information community, such as the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), the International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and the standard for the structure of the USMARC formats.

Soon Z39 will become independent of CNLIA with the new name, National Information Standards Organization Z39 (NISO), a voluntary standards-making body under ANSI. Thus another initiative undertaken by CNLIA will have been spun off, like the United Serials and Books Exchange (USBE), which was cradled by CNLIA and is now an important part of the library world.

The program dealt with "Financial Planning for Library Associations." Judith C. Murphy, vice president of Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., described the public library trusteeship program which her company offers to organizational members of the American Library Association and the Public Library Association. It provides for financial planning and investments, if an association has funds to invest.

Kenneth M. Hart of the law firm Townley and Updike, New York City, outlined the effect of the new tax law on gifts to non-profit institutions. There will be less deductibility for such donations. Moreover, for individual members of organizations, dues and travel expenses for those attending conventions will eventually be deductible only if they amount to more than 2 percent of income.

Nancy Lian, executive director of the New York Library Association, spoke about financial management of a library association, particularly with volunteer personnel in mind. She emphasized that every financial transaction should be handled by at least two people to assure fiscal reliability.

Christine Hoffman of the Music Library Association is the chair for the coming year. Theodore Wiener, subject cataloger, Subject Cataloging Division, representing the Association of Jewish Libraries, was elected vice chair and chair-elect.

—Theodore Wiener

Library Publishes Reading Promotion Pamphlet

National Themes for Promoting Reading, an illustrated 14-page pamphlet that describes the reading promotion projects of the Center for the Book, has been published by the Library. The center's four major themes, "Books Make a Difference," "A Nation of Readers," "Read More About It," and "Year of the Reader," are described, emphasizing how they are used by businesses, libraries, and schools around the nation. Other ideas are also mentioned, including Cap'n O.G. Readmore, "Reading Aloud," and "Let's Talk About Books." The themes and ideas are presented in the hope that others will use, adapt, or imitate them.

Single copies of *National Themes for Promoting Reading* are available without charge from the Library of Congress, Central Services Division, Washington, DC 20540.

Briefly Noted

Duane E. Webster, deputy director of the Association of Research Libraries and director of its Office of Management Studies, has been named the Academic or Research Librarian of the Year for 1987 by the Association of College and Research Libraries. The Award cites Mr. Webster for his work with management research, organizational development, and library consultation that has "deeply influenced the evolution of academic and research libraries over the past 15 years." The award, consisting of $3,000 and a citation, was presented on June 29 during the American Library Association Annual Conference in San Francisco.

Correction

The caption of the picture of the Consultants in Poetry in the LC *Information Bulletin,* June 22, p. 285 (top), omitted William Stafford (at the podium) and William Meredith (to the right of Maxine Kumin).

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Library Golfers Compete at WRA Spring Golf Tournament

Winners and celebrators of the spring 1987 Library WRA Golf Tourney mug for the cameraman at Goose Creek Golf Club, near Leesburg, Virginia.

The spring Library of Congress Welfare and Recreation Association Golf Tournament was held at the Goose Creek Golf Course, near Leesburg, Va., on May 11. Despite temperatures more appropriate to the month of July, 100 Library golfers and their guests participated in 18 holes of tournament play followed by a buffet luncheon and the presentation of awards and prizes.

Karen Wood of the Office of The Librarian opened the ceremonies by expressing thanks to the many who contributed to the success of the event, including Rozita Melson and Dianna Sanders of the Order Division, who represented the Library's Welfare and Recreation Association at the tournament. Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh then presented trophies, awards, and door prizes.

The Librarian's Trophy, awarded for the men's low gross score, was won by Soon Lee of the Buildings Management Office with a score of 77. Eric Reid of the Copyright Office was runner-up with a score of 81.

The Deputy Librarian's Trophy, awarded for the women's low gross score, went to Lynne Kennedy of the Congressional Research Service with a score of 102. Ginny Giroux of the Copyright Office, posting a score of 107, won the runner-up trophy.

Only current and retired Library of Congress staff members and those persons affiliated with and working at the Library in other capacities are eligible to compete for The Librarian and Deputy Librarian Trophies.

The Welfare and Recreation Association sponsors trophies for the two low net scores, computed by a modified Peoria handicapping system. The winner was

Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh hands the first prize for men's low gross score to winner Soon Lee of the Library's Buildings Management Office.

Thomas Miller of the Congressional Research Service; runner-up was Dick Thaxter of Special Materials Cataloging Division.

Janet Chase of the Office of The Librarian won a tie-breaker in intense competition for the Perseverance Award, honoring the highest score of the day.

Guest Francis Washington won the Championship Flight with a score of 77. Second place in the Championship Flight went to Bob McGowan, also a guest, who scored 82. The First Flight was won by Bobby Dove of Central Services Division; Felix Krayeski of the Congressional Research Service was runner-up. Winner of the Second Flight competition was Ron Gephart of the Manuscript Division. Retiree John Neely was awarded second place in this flight.

Winners in the long drive competition for men and women, guest Richard Buller and Karen Wood, were presented with awards sponsored by the Library of Congress Federal Credit Union. Ann Bauersfeld of the Copyright Office and Dick Thaxter were likewise rewarded for their precision in winning the closest-to-the-pin competition for woment and men.

Connie Stevens and George Pughe, women's and men's retirees with the lowest gross scores, were

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awarded copies of Sam Snead's *Golf Begins at Forty.* A dozen golf balls went to the group of Ed Krintz, John Husovsky, Ray Schmitt, and Joe Raison, the foursome with the lowest net score. Guest Francis Vitt was awarded an autographed copy of Tom Boswell's *Strokes of Genius,* donated by Kathy Gould, for showing the most improvement in score since last fall's tournament. Lee Boylan of the Federal Research Division received a copy of *Ben Hogan's Five Lessons* for the distinction of adding the most strokes to his score over the winter.

A variety of prizes donated by ARA Food Services Company, C & P Telephone Co., Joe Love, Jack Early, and the Goose Creek Golf Course were awarded through a random drawing of names.

The fall WRA golf tournament is scheduled for September 14 and will again be played at Goose Creek Golf Course.

William R. Nugent Receives Kodak Information Technology Award

William R. Nugent, assistant director, Automated Systems Office, was presented with the 1987 Kodak Information Technology Award in a dinner ceremony at the Phillips Collection on the evening of May 19. The award was presented by Joseph A. Lawton, Vice President and General Manager of Kodak's Government Systems Division, and is awarded annually to a Government employee selected for his or her contributions to information technology.

The citation accompanying Mr. Nugent's award read "in recognition of his innovation and expertise in library automation—in particular his commitment to disseminate and preserve materials of the Library of Congress utilizing advanced optical disk storage." The award was an original metal sculpture engraved with the citation and containing periodic apertures representing the laser-etched bits of an optical disk. The silver plating of the sculpture was, appropriately, silver recovered from Kodak's film-developing operations.

Mr. Nugent's acceptance address was entitled "On Femtoseconds, Photons, and Schrodinger's Cat," and expressed his view that optics, and in particular quantum optics, would become the dominant science supporting information technology during the next half century.

Donald G. Shomette Receives Award For Historic Preservation

Donald G. Shomette, visual information specialist, Printing and Processing Section, was given the Calvert Prize, highest award presented for work in historic

Kitty Black, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Maryland Historical Trust; Maryland Lieutenant Governor Melvin Steinberg; Donald G. Shomette; and J. Rodney Little, Maryland State Preservation officer, display the Calvert Prize after ceremonies in the Maryland State Senate Chambers.

preservation in Maryland. Maryland Lieutenant Governor Melvin A. Steinberg made the presentation in a ceremony held in the Senate chambers of the Maryland State House, Annapolis, on May 11. The prize is awarded yearly by the Maryland Historical Trust for outstanding work in the field of historic preservation, research, and archaeology.

Two Congressional Reference Division Librarians Win Awards

Two librarians in the Congressional Reference Division have been selected to receive professional awards. Robert R. Newlen, reference specialist, has received a Professional Development Grant from the 3M Company and the Junior Members Round Table of the American Library Association. The purpose of the grant, which helps finance attendance at the ALA annual conference, is to encourage professional

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development and participation in ALA and JMRT activities.

Michelle M. Springer, reference librarian, has been selected as the 1987 recipient of the Bernard M. Fry Award for the best article published in 1986 in *Government Publications Review.* Her article—entitled "The *Congressional Record:* 'Substantially a Verbatim Report'?"—appeared in the May-June issue. The award will be presented at the GODORT business meeting on June 30, during the ALA annual conference.

Sixty Years a Librarian

On May 20, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh took off from an airfield in New York for his historic solo flight across the Atlantic. On that same day, 14-year-old Edward A. D'Alessandro began working in the Cleveland Public Library system. As the world knows—or once knew—Lindbergh landed 33½ hours later at Le Bourget Airport outside Paris. As for Mr. D'Alessandro, he is still flying high and shows no sign of fuel loss or engine failure after 60 years.

On May 19 "Eddie" D'Alessandro's Library of Congress associates surprised him with a morning coffee in the Research Services department office. When summoned, Eddie arrived with note pad and pen, prepared as always. He accepted mementoes of the Lindbergh flight and a book with pictures on the Cleveland Public Library, to mark the occasion.

A native of Cleveland, and a perennial booster of the city and its great public library, Mr. D'Alessandro worked for the Cleveland Library for more than 40 years, receiving his B.A. from John Carroll University and his library degree from Western Reserve University in his spare time. Even during his army service (1943-1946) he did library work. From February 1969 to March 1970 he was director of the Cleveland Public Library.

He came to the Library of Congress in July 1970 as special assistant for planning management in the Reference Department Office. Except for a six-month detail to the Library Environment Resources Office, he has remained in the same position ever since, even though his department has changed names twice in the interim. He is known throughout the Library as a trouble-shooter *par excellence.* In his own department his meticulous record-keeping and detailed analytical reports have proven to be administrative life-savers again and again. In 1984 he received a quality within-grade increase for his work.

"I owe everything to librarianship," Eddie says. "It enabled me to get an education, raise a family, and have a satisfying career." And what a career! Sixty years and counting. . . .

—John C. Broderick

George F. Jackson Receives 30-Year Federal Service Award

George F. Jackson, a supervisor in the Card Processing Unit, Distribution Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, completed 30 years of Federal Service on April 10. Mr. Jackson was honored with a small recognition ceremony in the Office of the Chief, on April 17. In attendance were Susan M. Tarr, chief, Ernest C. Hedges and Leon E. Sims, head and assistant head of the Distribution Section, respectively, CDS.

Mr. Jackson first began work at the Library of Congress on October 17, 1960, as a deck attendant. The following May, he transferred to the Card Drawing Unit in CDS. Mr. Jackson has served the Library faithfully throughout the years, gradually increasing in more responsible positions along the way. He was awarded a quality step increase in April 1969, for his outstanding performance. He was among the first group to serve as card drawing revisers. Following that selection, he became the assistant supervisor of the Card Drawing Unit. In 1977, he was selected to serve as the supervisor, Stock Unit, currently the Card Processing Unit. Mr. Jackson has remained in the Cataloging Distribution Service since his transfer in May 1961. All but three years of Mr. Jackson's Federal service have been with the Library of Congress. The other three years he served in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Jackson is a native Washingtonian, a graduate of Cardozo High School, and he resides in Temple Hills, Md., with his wife and son.

Mr. Jackson participated in the Library of Congress Semiannual Awards Ceremony on May 12, to receive his 30-year Library of Congress medallion.

Staff Activities

Henriette D. Avram, assistant librarian for Processing Services, delivered a paper, "Toward a Nationwide Library Network," at a joint conference of AMIGOS (AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc.) and SOLINET (Southern Library Network) held in New Orleans on May 13-15. The joint conference of the two regional networks explored the topic of "Managing Resource Sharing: A New Look at Old Beliefs."

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Ralph Oman, Register of Copyright, accompanied by Copyright Office general counsel **Dorothy Schrader** and Mask Work Unit head **Melissa Dadant,** was in Geneva April 24–30 for the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) meeting of the "Committee of Experts on Intellectual Property in Respect of Integrated Circuits." The committee is attempting to draft an international treaty for the protection of semiconductor chips.

Mr. Oman, along with assistant register **Pat Harrison** and policy planning advisors **Marybeth Peters** and **Chris Meyer** and Harvey Winter of the State Department, was in the People's Republic of China from May 1–20. They landed in Beijing and from there went to Xian, Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Shenzhen. Lecture topics included: "History of International Copyright," "Structural Analysis of U.S. International Copyright Relations," and "Function and Role of U.S. Copyright Organizations." China is currently without a national copyright law and the United States is offering assistance in developing copyright policy.

Mr. Oman spoke to the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee April 23 at the Omni Georgetown Hotel. His lecture was "The Copyright Law: Can It Wrap Itself Around the New Technologies?" He was in Dallas March 27 to participate in a panel discussion on television and intellectual property at the Broadcasters Education Association Convention. He also attended meetings of the National Association of Broadcasters. On April 3 the Register participated in the luncheon meeting of the International Law Institute in Washington, D.C.

Sylvia Rodgers, paper conservator of the Conservation Office, gave a lecture on the preservation of maps to the Geography and Map Special Libraries Association of Washington, D.C. The lecture took place in the Library of Congress' Geography and Map Division on April 26, and was directed toward an audience of curators, collectors, and librarians in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

Examples of storage and treatments from the Library's collections were used to illustrate the particular preservation needs of maps, atlases, and related geographic objects such as globes and relief models.

Richard W. Stephenson, head of the Reference and Bibliography Section, and **Ronald E. Grim,** bibliographer, Geography and Map Division, participated in a symposium, "Mapping the Civil War," held at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa., March 28–29. Mr. Stephenson presented the first paper, "Maps of the American Civil War," in which he provided a general overview of the military and commercial mapping of the Civil War. Mr. Grim, whose presentation was entitled "Mapping the Gettysburg Battlefield," focused on a single manuscript map prepared several years after the battle. The symposium was part of a joint weekend meeting of the Washington, Delaware Valley, and New York Map Societies.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Judith Popp, editorial assistant, CRS ENR, GS–5, 70049; David Taylor, folklife specialist, AFC, GS–11, 60545.

Temporary Appointments: Steven Aleman, graduate assistant, CRS EPW, GS–7; Peter Brayton, collections improvement (trainee), Col Mgmt, GS–5; Rashelle Butts, library aid, CRS L, GS–1; David Campt, graduate assistant, CRS SPR, GS–7; Robert Crawford, graduate assistant, CRS F, GS–9; Douglas DeNatale, consultant, AFC; Elizabeth Erlich, graduate assistant, Mus, GS–7; Kimberly Henderson, graduate assistant, CRS EPW, GS–7; Edith Houston, graduate assistant, CRS G, GS–7; Bernita Ingle, graduate assistant, CRS C, GS–9; Donita Johnson, file clerk, FMO, GS–4; Lisa Johnson, file clerk, FMO, GS–4; Joseph Kasell, legal intern, CRS A, GS–7; Neal Lambert, clerk/messenger, CRS C, GS–4; Lisa McCurdy, deck attendant, Col Mgmt, GS–3, G114L; Laura Miller, graduate assistant, CRS C, GS–7; Vanessa Payton, graduate assistant, CRS F, GS–7; Beverly Reid, graduate assistant, CRS C, GS–7; Ann Ronchetti, graduate assistant, Col Dev, GS–9; Timothy Seman, collections improvement (trainee), Col Mgmt, GS–5; Adrien L. Silas, graduate assistant, CRS A, GS–9; Cassandra Smith, clerk/messenger, CRS C, GS–3; William Smith, library aid, CRS L, GS–1; Jana Svejda, reference clerk, CRS, GS–3; James Weisbard, analyst in American national government, CRS Gov, GS–5; Robin Wolff, graduate assistant, Preserv, GS–9.

Reappointments: Kay Brodney, subject heading editorial specialist, Subj Cat, GS–12; Una Daniels, files and correspondent clerk, Cop Dep & Acq, GS–3; Christina Hughes, clerical assistant, AFC, GS–3; Frances Reynolds, reference specialist, GRR, GS–12.

Resignations: Margaret Bodde, Photodup; Paula Cruz, Hisp; Joanna Evans, Ser; Joseph J. Keenan, Jr., Photodup; Angela Sharpe, NLS/BPH; Kevin Stockdale, CS; Shawky Zeidan, FRD.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Tuesday, July 14

☐ "The Federal Services Impasses Panel [FSIP] and its Role in the Resolution of Negotiability Disputes," Howard Solomon, executive director, FSIP. Mumford Room, 10:30 a.m. **For supervisors and managers.**

☐ "The Uralic Peoples of the USSR," Kenneth E. Nyirady, research analyst, Federal Research Division. Room LM 642, 11:30 a.m. **For members and staff.**

Thursday, July 16

☐ Steelband Concert by The Original Trinidad and Tobago Steelband from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. American Folklife Center noontime concert series. Neptune Plaza, Jefferson Building, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Free, no tickets required.

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